

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN (BMA)
MINUTES FOR
July 10, 2023**

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Tullahoma, Coffee and Franklin Counties, Tennessee assembled at the Municipal Building, in Tullahoma, for a meeting on Monday, July 10, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Ray Knowis presiding and the following named members of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen: Daniel Berry, Kurt Glick, Jerry Mathis, Derick Mann and Bobbie Wilson. Jenna Amacher was absent.

Mr. Kenney Pearson, Interim City Administrator; Mr. Stephen M. Worsham, City Attorney, Mrs. Sue Wilson, Finance Director, and Mrs. Lori Ashley, City Recorder were present at the meeting.

Mayor Ray Knowis called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was said by Mayor Knowis, and he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Recorder Lori Ashley called the roll.

COMMENDATIONS AND CERTIFICATES: N/A

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATION: N/A

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Keri McGary, 702 East Decherd Street, spoke to the board about social economics.

Teri Phleger, 308 Tara Boulevard, herself as well as hundreds that have signed a petition are asking for two amendments to the subdivision regulations, first that permissible lot sizes should match the existing lot sizes of adjacent properties, and second that access to new subdivisions shall not be permitted through existing subdivisions.

Patty Dean, 419 Albemarle Drive, spoke in support of proposed Ordinances related to subdivision regulations.

Maureen Burke, 107 Breckenridge Road, spoke in support of the amendments to the subdivision regulations.

THE AGENDA WAS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mathis to approve the agenda.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

REPORTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

ALDERMAN BERRY – No report.

ALDERMAN GLICK – No report.

MAYOR PRO TEM MATHIS – No report.

ALDERMAN MANN – Attended the Independence Day Celebration along with 11,500 others, special thanks to the Parks & Recreation Department, Police Department, Fire Department and Public Works for putting this event on, as well as the sponsors. School supplies donated with be collected tonight to add to the backpacks purchased.

ALDERMAN WILSON – Attended a pool party that was put on for the staff at splash island. It was well attended by the staff, lifeguards, and their families. Gave updates on upcoming events at the Fine Arts Center, and the South Jackson Performing Arts Center.

MAYOR RAY KNOWIS - Mr. Knowis echoed the comments of Alderman Wilson and Alderman Mann. Reminded the audience that the Board of Mayor & Alderman will not be meeting again in July, the Mayor & Alderman will be attending the TML Conference.

CITY ATTORNEY – Mr. Worsham stated that he is making progress with the transfer of City property at 411 E Carroll Street to the purchasers. A property on White Oak that taxes had not been paid for many years has been purchased and taxes caught up. Will be walking the downtown area next week to make plans for the planting project. Tullahoma Community Pride foundation will be applying for a grant to replace Ash Tree's in our city that are dying.

INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Complimented the Parks & Recreation Department on a well-done job putting together the Independence Day Celebration, as well as Police, Fire and Public Works Departments. Linda Reed is the new director of the Farmers Market that is held at South Jackson Performing Arts Center on Mondays from 3-6. Looking at removing the railroad tracks on NW Atlantic near the end of this month, this will aide with the bicycle riders' requests. Attended a Business Development Meeting today to talk about new businesses and marketing ideas.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Item No. 23-126 – Minutes of the June 26, 2023, Regular Meeting and Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mathis to approve the item(s) on the Consent Agenda.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 1597 – An Ordinance to amend the code of Ordinances of the City of Tullahoma, Tennessee by amending Title 13 (Property Maintenance Regulations), Chapter 3 (Slum Clearance), Section 308 (Lien for Expenses; Sale of Salvaged Materials; other Powers not Limited) to remove the words “Upon the Lien” and substitute therefor the words “Become a Lien”, for passage on the second and final reading.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mathis to approve Ordinance No. 1597.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance No 1598 – An Ordinance to amend the zoning map of the City of Tullahoma, Tennessee, as set forth in the Tullahoma Municipal Code, which is Ordinance No. 1392, to rezone the properties at 1802, 1804 Old Estill Springs Road; 412, 420, 502, 603 E. Monroe Street; 509, 511, 513, 515 E. General Street; 611, 609 Division Street; 612, 616, 618, 620, 700, 702, 706, 710, 712, 716, 802, 806, 808 E. Decherd Street; 360, 200, 136 Flowertown Road; 212, 210, 208, 204, 200, 115, 212 S. Washington Street; 211, 305, 412, 414, 424, 428, 430, 432 E. Lauderdale Street; 111 S. Polk Street; 513, 501 E. Warren Street; 208, 210 W. Warren Street from the Restricted Manufacturing and Warehousing (I-1), General Commercial (C-2), and Central Commercial (C-1) zoning district to the Low Density Residential (R-1), Medium Density Residential (R-2), and Neighborhood Commercial (C-3) zoning district, for passage on the first of two readings.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mathis to approve Ordinance No. 1598.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

Ordinance No. 1600 – An Ordinance of the City of Tullahoma, Tennessee to amend Ordinance No. 1578 adopting the Annual Budget and Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023, for passage on the first of three readings.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mathis to approve Ordinance No. 1600.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

Ordinance No. 1601 – An Ordinance to amend Section 5-501 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Tullahoma, Tennessee, to change the percentages of “Hotel” Privilege Taxes collected as allocated herein, for passage on the first of three readings. Tennessee Equine Rehabilitation Canter will replace Keep Coffee County Beautiful.

A motion was made by Alderman Glick and seconded by Alderman Mathis to approve Ordinance No. 1601.

A discussion ensued.

A motion was made to amend by Alderman Berry and seconded by Mayor Knowis to use the 1 ½ percent of “Hotel” Privilege tax collected toward hosting sports tournaments in Tullahoma which would replace Keep Coffee County Beautiful.

On roll call all members present voted to postpone as follows;

Aye(s): Berry, Knowis, Mann, Mathis
Nay(s): Glick, Wilson

The vote being four (4) aye(s), two (2) nay(s), the amendment motion passed and it is so ordered.

On roll call all members present voted aye on amended Ordinance No. 1601 and it was so ordered.

Resolution No. 1943 – A Initial Resolution authorizing the incurrence of indebtedness by the City of Tullahoma, Tennessee, of not to exceed \$7,500,000, by execution with the public building of the City of Clarksville, Tennessee, of a loan agreement to provide funding for certain city projects.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mann to approve Resolution No. 1943.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

Resolution No. 1944 – A Resolution authorizing a loan pursuant to a loan agreement between the City of Tullahoma, Tennessee, and the public building authority of the City of Clarksville, Tennessee, in the principal amount of not to exceed \$7,500,000; authorizing the execution and delivery of such loan agreement and other documents relating to said load; approving the issuance of a bond by such public building authority; providing for the application of the proceeds of said loan and the payment of such indebtedness; consenting to the assignment of the city’s obligation under such loan agreement; and, certain other matters.

A motion was made by Alderman Mann and seconded by Alderman Berry to approve Resolution No. 1944.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

Item No. 23-127 – Consider approval of a five-year Engineering / Consulting Services Agreement with St. John Engineering, LLC and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mathis to approve Item No. 23-127.

A discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Alderman Glick and seconded by Alderman Wilson to seek additional proposals and contact firms that bid on the Engineering / Consulting Services in the past.

On roll call all members present voted to seek additional proposals as follows;

Aye(s): Glick, Mann, Wilson
Nay(s): Berry, Knowis, Mathis

The vote being three (3) aye(s), three (3) nay(s), the motion to amend failed.

On roll call all members present voted on the original motion to approve St. John Engineering, LLC with a five-year contract for Engineering / Consulting Services as follow;

Aye(s): Berry, Knowis, Mann, Mathis, Wilson
Nay(s): Glick

The vote being five (5) aye(s), one (1) nay(s), the motion passed and it was so ordered.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Mayor and Alderman at this time, the Board Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR